



FIRST BAPTIST KNOXVILLE

In the Center of the City with the Savior

11 am Service May 8, 2022

A series from Dr. Brent McDougal Building Better



Relationships

Today's Message: Building Better Relationships
by Keeping Your Promises

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Organ Prelude | Rhonda Carpenter

All Hail the Power | arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Call to Worship | Singing Cherubs Choir

Special Special | Daryl Billingsley

Special Special I am very special
God made me that way
Special Special I am very special
God made me

The B-I-B-L-E | Anonymous

The B-I-B-L-E
That's the book for me
I stand alone on the Word of God
The B-I-B-L-E

Deuteronomy 6:5 | music by Leah Goslen, words by God

Love the Lord your God with all your heart
With all your soul with all your strength

Mother's Day Litany | Richard Buerkle

Pastor: We give you thanks, O God, for everyone gathered among us this morning. We honor our mothers, and are thankful for them.

People: We thank you, O God.

Pastor: We offer thanks for providing us examples of mothers in your Holy Word. For mothers like Mary, who offer themselves as servants to you...

People: We thank you, O God.

Pastor: For mothers like Hannah, who offer their children to God's care...

People: We thank you, O God.

Pastor: For mothers like Elizabeth, who joyfully expect the birth of a baby...

People: We thank you, O God...

Pastor: For mothers like Naomi, who lost a child...

People: Give them strength, O God.

Pastor: For the mothers who brought us to church and taught us of Jesus' love in word and deed...

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Pastor: For the mothers who are no longer here, but who we celebrate in memory and with joy...

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Pastor: For all women gathered here, who mother many children at church with their love and care...

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Pastor: God, thank you for the blessing of mothers. Amen.

Welcome | Tim Boone

Congregational Hymn 676

Teach Me, O Lord, I Pray | DIADEMATA

Teach me O Lord I pray
Your precious truth divine
Lead me to understand Your Word
And make its precepts mine
Impart Your wisdom Lord
Shed light upon my way
That I may know Your boundless love
Teach me O Lord I pray

Train me O Lord I pray
In knowledge and in skill
O daily let me walk with You
And do Your perfect will
O train my heart and mind
To serve You unashamed
At home abroad where'er the Christ
Has yet to be proclaimed

Use me O Lord I pray
To shed Your Light sublime
To rich and poor to high and low
Of ev'ry race and clime
O may Your flaming zeal
Burn constantly and true
Till souls in darkness ev'rywhere
Fall down and worship You

Children's Sermon | Susan Tatum

Congregational Hymn 687

Would You Bless Our Homes and Families | NETTLETON

Would You bless our homes and families
Source of life who calls us here
In our world of stress and tension
Teach us love that conquers fear
Help us learn to love each other
With a love that constant stays
Teach us when we face our troubles
Love's expressed in many ways

When our way is undemanding
Let us use the time that's ours
To delight in simple pleasures
Sharing joys in gentle hours
When our way is anxious walking
And a heavy path we plod

Teach us trust in one another
And in You our gracious God
From the homes in which we're nurtured
With the love that shapes us there
Teach us God to claim as family
Ev'ry one whose life we share
And thro' all that life may offer
May we in Your love remain
May the love we share in families
Be alive to praise Your name

Let us reach beyond the bound'ries
Of our daily thought and care
Till the fam'ly You have chosen
Spills its love out ev'rywhere
Help us learn to love each other
With a love that constant stays
Teach us when we face our troubles
Love's expressed in many ways

Scripture Reading (1 Samuel 1:10-20, 27-28) | Susan Tatum

In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly. 11 And she made a vow, saying, "Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head."

12 As she kept on praying to the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. 13 Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk 14 and said to her, "How long are you going to stay drunk? Put away your wine."

15 "Not so, my lord," Hannah replied, "I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the Lord. 16 Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief."

17 Eli answered, "Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him."

18 She said, "May your servant find favor in your eyes." Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast.

19 Early the next morning they arose and worshiped before the Lord and then went back to their home at Ramah. Elkanah made love to his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. 20 So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, "Because I asked the Lord for him."

27 I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him. 28 So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord." And he worshiped the Lord there.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Pastoral Prayer | Chuck Powell

Choral Anthem | Sanctuary Choir

The Family of Faith | Joseph Martin

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

All around us there are witnesses.
We feel their embrace.
Their light shines upon us
As we gather in this place.

The echoes of their voices
Sound through these halls
In the music of our memories,
We hear their loving call.

*Walk worthy, my daughter.
Be faithful, my son.
There is work to be done.
Be true to your calling.
Be strong all your days
You are part of the family,
the family of faith.
You are part of the family of faith.*

Lord, we offer our thanksgiving
For the saints of the faith,
Those who laid down
firm foundations of worship and praise

Those who gave us a vision
And stood for the right,
Those who gave us a mission,
And brought us to Christ!

Let us be faithful to finish the work.
Follow the Savior.
Be grateful to serve,
For this is the season
And this is the place
To build for the harvest
Shine in the darkness
Shine as a light to the world!

Sermon | Dr. Brent McDougal

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Keeping Your Promises | 1 Samuel 1:10-20, 27,28

Hymn of Invitation 682

Christ Be My Leader | SLANE

Christ be my leader by night as by day
Safe through the darkness for He is the way
Gladly I follow my future His care
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there

Christ be my teacher in age as in youth
Drifting or doubting for He is the truth
Grant me to trust Him though shifting as sand
Doubt cannot daunt me in Jesus I stand

Christ be my Saviour in calm as in strife
Death cannot hold me for He is the life
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation with Jesus I reign

Worship Through Giving/Announcements | Pam Neal

Spoken Benediction | Pam Neal

Sung Benediction | Women's Ensemble

Make A Joyful Noise | arr. Rollo Dilworth

Make a joyful noise to the Lord
All the earth
Make a joyful noise to the Lord
All the earth

The flowers of the field
Are cry'n to be heard
The trees of the forest
Are singing
And all of the mountains
With one voice
Are joining the chorus of this world

*And I will not be silent
I will not be quiet anymore*

Running through the forest
Dive into the lake
Bare feet on beaches white
Standing in the canyon
Painted hills around
The wind against my skin
Every ocean
Every sea
Every river
Every stream
Every mountain
Every tree
Every blade of grass will sing

Organ Postlude | Rhonda Carpenter

Postlude on "Turro" | arr. David Lasky

Mission Trip to Uganda October 8-16

Missy Ward and Francis Angalla will host a team from First Baptist that will focus on cultural education and ministry with refugees. Cost for the trip is \$1,500 (scholarships are available for young adults). This includes airfare, lodging, and transportation. There will be an optional two-day safari at the end of the trip for an additional cost of \$600. Only 6 spots remaining! Final day to sign-up is June 24th (\$750 deposit due). For more information, contact Tim Boone at tboone@fbcknox.org.

Mother's Day Flowers given in loving memory of
Christine Dexter & Elizabeth Evans by Ed Dexter and
Matthew, Amy, Zeb & Isabel Evans.

SERMONNOTES

*Building Better Relationships
by Keeping Your Promises
1 Samuel 1:10-20, 27-28
Pastor Brent McDougal*

We live in a world of cheap promises that are easily broken. We break plans when something better comes along, or perhaps never commit to a “yes” or “no” to keep our options open.

How can we trust people who are constantly breaking promises?

Hannah was miserable. She wanted a child more than anything and made a promise to God that if God would give her a son, she would dedicate him to the Lord. It would have been easy to break such a promise, given how she longed for a child. But she kept her promise.

Three lessons and a challenge from a promise-keeping mother:

1. When you make a promise to God, it has more to do with God's _____ and _____ than your power and character to fulfill it.

*“Not one of all the Lord’s good promises to Israel failed; every one was fulfilled”
(Joshua 21:45, NIV).*

*“For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God”
(2 Corinthians 1:20, NIV).*

2. _____ people keep their promises.

“I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.(Psalm 116:14, NIV)

3. Promises kept produce _____.

*“Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful”
(Hebrews 10:23, NIV).*

The challenge: Begin today to be a better promise-keeper in a _____ world.

How is the Lord speaking to you today? What is your response?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Knoxville International Church

Each week we lift up a church in prayer. Today we lift up Knoxville International Church. Please pray for our brothers and sisters to have strength and encouragement as they strive to be a light to this community and Knoxville. Pray that God will help them to meet the needs in our city.



COMMUNITY

Wednesday Night Activities

Join us next week for dinner beginning at 5 pm. We will be serving chicken tenders, mac & cheese, green beans, tossed salad, and dessert. Menu is subject to change upon product availability. Bible Study will start at 6 pm.



COMMUNITY

Ladies' Luncheon

Godwinks: Signs of God's Presence and Encouragement

Saturday, May 14, 11 am | Trentham Hall

Join us for three inspirational speakers, including Dr. Brent McDougal, Harpist Rhonda Carpenter, a delicious meal, and door prizes! This Sunday, May 8, is the last day to purchase tickets for the May 14 event! Remember tickets will not be sold at the door so make sure to purchase yours this week! Stop by the crossover on the third floor before or after the 11 am service.



COMMUNITY

Care First Ministry - Volunteers Needed Every Tuesday

Help serve our neighbors downtown by serving food, facilitating showers, and building relationships with ministry guests. Care First is every Tuesday night from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the Trentham Hall parking lot. No additional training needed. Contact Tim Boone at tboone@fbcknox.org if you would like to be involved.



MISSION

Alpha Course on the Basics of Faith

May 8 through June 12 (6 weeks)

Sundays, 9:45 am | 230 Centre

Alpha is a series of video sessions that explores the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create open conversation. This course is a great fit for anyone who wants to know more about questions such as "Who is the Holy Spirit?" and "What Happens When We Pray?" There will be good food, a meaningful video presentation, and safe conversation to express questions and doubts. Email Pastor Brent McDougal at bmcdougal@fbcknox.org to express your interest.



DISCIPLESHIP

Music and Missions Open House

Wednesday, May 11, 5:45 pm | Preschool and Children's Floors

We are excited to try something NEW this year to end our weekly choir and mission programs until the Fall. Parents and any other interested adults are invited to participate in an Open House. Beginning at 5:45 parents will visit their child's choir classroom where they will see and hear all of the many songs and other activities that their children have been working on this year. At 6:25 adults will proceed to their child's mission classroom where they will see all of the wonderful mission activities and service projects in which their child has participated. At 7 pm in Trentham Hall, we will gather for a make-your-own sundae party! Please plan to join us as we wrap up a wonderful year! This will be the last meeting until August.



COMMUNITY

Ordination of Janie Powell to the Ministry of Chaplaincy

Sunday, May 22, 4 pm | Sanctuary

All are invited to a time of worship, affirmation, and blessing as we ordain Janie Powell. Ordination is the acknowledgment by a community of believers that a person has been called to ministry. It also involves a collective "commission" of a person's life to do the work of God in a particular way. Come celebrate Janie's call and pray for this next momentous step along her journey of following Christ.



DISCIPLESHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Race Relations in Downtown Knoxville: A Historical Perspective

Wednesday, May 25 from 6-7pm | Trentham Hall/Livestream

Presented by Bob Booker, Former City Councilman and Executive Director of the Beck Cultural Center

As a people who are both planted in the downtown community and called to reconciliation, it's important for us to pursue a historical understanding of our city. Join us for a conversation, led by historian Bob Booker, about race relations in Knoxville, especially regarding the Urban Renewal Project from the 1950's through the 1970's. Plan to attend and email Pastor Brent McDougal with any questions about the evening (bmcdougal@fbcknox.org).



Summer Outreach Opportunity with Appalachian Outreach

June 6-10

Final day to sign up is Friday, May 13th. This outreach team will serve families living in substandard conditions in East Tennessee. The AO Home Repair program focuses on exterior needs of homes that are in need of handicap accessible ramps, decking, roofing, and painting. Learn more about AO at aoministry.org. There is a place for you to serve regardless of your age and ability. Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-4:00 pm. Cost: \$225 (scholarships are available). To sign up for this opportunity, contact Tim Boone at tboone@fbcknox.org.



Graduate Recognition

Sunday, May 15 | Both Services

As the school year comes to a close, we want to honor and recognize the hard work of FBC's high school and college graduates. We will recognize our high schoolers on stage and our college graduates in the bulletin. For this recognition, please [email the following information](#) to Michelle Allen (mallen@fbcknox.org) by MAY 11:

High school graduates: the school they are graduating from, where they plan to attend/what they plan to do, and their photograph.

College graduates: the school they are graduating from and their degree received.

We do not want to leave anyone out, so please notify us ASAP if you have a high school or college graduate!



Senior Adult Event

Thursday, May 19, 12:15 pm | Trentham Hall

Senior Adults are invited to join David Crocker as he discusses his book, *Compassionaries: Unleash the Power of Serving*. David says, "Compassionaries are about doing what they can to apply the power of serving to the vast needs of people who are hurting, hopeless and hapless - transforming their own lives and those they touch." Come learn about the power of serving. Lunch will also be offered at 11:30 am. RSVP to pneal@fbcknox.org by May 13.



Ukraine Food Packing Mission

Saturday, June 11, 8 am-7 pm | Knoxville Expo Center

On Saturday, June 11th, Operation Inasmuch will be packing meals that will be directly shipped to Poland and distributed to the Ukrainian people in need. They need 1,375 total volunteers.. There are five different shifts on that Saturday, each shift lasting just 2 hours. Sign up at operationinasmuch.org/ukraine/.



Summer Music Camp

July 25-29 | Trentham Hall

Mark your calendars for this year's Summer Music Camp, Parables and Percussion. For children ages 1st - 5th Grade, camp will be daily from 9 am until noon, and there is no charge to take part. Watch upcoming announcements for more information or contact rbuerkle@fbcknox.org.



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Coming Up This Week

Monday, 8:30 am, Dwell

Coffee & Community

Tuesday, 10:30 am, Room 302

WOM

Wednesday, 5 pm, Trentham Hall

Dinner, Adult Bible Study, Children & Youth Activities

Thursday, 10:30 am

Golden Notes, Room 302

Thursday, 6 pm

Committees & Councils Meetings

Thursday, 7:30 pm

Church Council Meeting

Ladies' Luncheon, 11:30 am

Trentham Hall

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